

## A.S. Social Sciences: Political Science Specialization

### ADVANCE Program Milestones

**ADVANCE Milestone Requirements:** All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to Mason and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#6, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

1. Students must complete their NOVA degree within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students are highly encouraged to be continuously enrolled at NOVA/Mason to support progress towards degree completion.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA graduation by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework in no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must:
  - a. Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
  - b. Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II <b>OR</b> HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
4	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	PLS 135	3	PLS 135 American National Politics	GOVT 103	Major
6	PLS 241	3	PLS 241 International Relations I	GOVT 132	Global
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	ITE 115 or ITE 119	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts <b>OR</b> ITE 119 Information Literacy	IT 103 IT 104	Info Tech
9	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major
10	PLS 136	3	PLS 136 State and Local Politics	GOVT L304	Major
11	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
12	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
13	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I <b>OR</b> ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGL L372 MUSI 101	Arts
14	PLS 140	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics	GOVT 133	General Elective

15	Science Course #2	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b>	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science
			BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b>	BIOL 102	
16	SOC Course	3	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b>	CHEM 103	General Elective
			ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b>	EVPP 108/109	
17	PLS 200	3	ENV 122 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b>	EVPP 112/113	Major
			GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b>	GEOL 101	
18	General Education Elective	3	GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b>	GEOL 102/104	Soc/Behav
			PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I <b>OR</b>	PHYS 103	
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	PHYS 104	Literature
			SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b>	SOCI 101	
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I <b>OR</b>	ANTH 114	General Elective
			SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI L308	

**A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES (POLITICAL SCI) DEGREE**      **60**  
**TOTAL**

For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <https://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html>

## B.S. Public Administration

**Concentrations:** Administration and Management; Public Policy; Nonprofit Management; US Government Institutions; Economic Policy Analysis; International Political Economy; Individualized.<sup>1</sup>

**Note:** Students pursuing a concentration will complete the degree by taking four courses (minimum of 12 credits) within one concentration, chosen from the lists of advanced field courses shown below, to complete a minimum of 24 credits of field courses.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
22	Core Course	4	GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis	Major
23	Core Course	3	GOVT 351 Administration in the Political System	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Core Course	3	GOVT 367 Money, Markets and Economic Policy	Fall only Major
26	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
27	Core Course	3	GOVT 368 Tools for Economic Policy Analysis	Spring only Major

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30	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>2</sup>	Major
32	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>2</sup>	Major
33	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>2</sup>	Major
34	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>2</sup>	Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core Requirement	3	GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar <b>OR</b> GOVT 491 Honors Seminar	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

**B.S. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION** **121**  
**DEGREE TOTAL**

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>Students may complete a concentration of at least 12 credits in one field to fulfill a concentration. Students who do not wish to pursue a concentration may choose at least 24 credits from any of the advanced public administration courses listed below (with restrictions noted below) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

<sup>2</sup>For a list of approved Field Study or Concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/public-administration-bs/>

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- Students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major, including GOVT courses as well as the supporting courses in other disciplines used to fulfill the requirements below. See an advisor before registering.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatable D/F grades may be eligible to receive a waiver for any lower-level Mason Core courses not already completed. To be eligible for the core waiver, students must also complete the requirements of the AA or AS degree listed on their pathway, and apply to graduate from NOVA by the deadline (see milestone #3). Students must meet these criteria by the time of matriculation to Mason and provide the Office of Admissions a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.